

BellSouth has filed a petition at the FCC, asking the FCC to stop regulating broadband service. I disagree with this request. By removing local competition and further restricting businesses like sonic.net from using DSL service, local control and access to the internet is diminished.

The more serious threat is that it is even possible that the phone companies could, in the long run, refuse to provide the necessary connections for DSL service, and small companies would be unable to sell DSL at all.